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### **Domestic Violence Case Solved Long Distance**

The long arm of Wichita law enforcement now stretches to Iraq. On July 20, 2006 a woman reported her former boyfriend and the father of one of her children assaulted her in the 2300 block of East MacArthur. The woman sustained serious injuries to her face as a result of the attack. The woman did not report the incident to police, but did use a webcam to tell her husband, a U.S. Army Sergeant currently serving in Iraq. Her husband told a fellow soldier, Wichita Police Officer and U.S. Army Sergeant Terence James, about the incident. Officer James, who also is stationed in Iraq, witnessed the woman's injuries via the webcam. He immediately contacted Lt. Eric Bastian at Patrol South and stayed on the webcam with the victim until officers arrived on the scene. The woman was interviewed by officers then taken to a hospital where she was treated for a broken nose.

Because Officer James showed devotion to duty by acting quickly and decisively he has been awarded the Wichita Police Department's Bronze Wreath of Merit. In his nomination for the award, Officer James was credited with not letting "...the fact that he was

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in the middle of a war zone, in another country and a nine hour time difference prohibit him from taking the necessary action to report and help the victim of a domestic violence incident back in the city that he has taken an oath to serve and protect...”

Officer James will be presented with his award upon his return to active duty with the Wichita Police Department.

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**Officer Terence James**